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SUB: MANAGEMENT OF SECURITY RESOURCES

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1. TRAVEL ORDERS FOR TSO D.A. PETERSON WERE MODIFIED TO ALLOW FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE OIC/RTC CASABLANCA DURING APRIL INSPECTION VISIT. THE PROVISION FOR ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE WOULD NOT BE UTILIZED UNLESS TRAVELER ENCOUNTERED EXPENSES WHICH EXCEEDED PER DIEM RATES. REQUEST DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY ISSUE ORDERS CITING EITHER STANDARD PER DIEM OR ACTUAL SUBSISTENCE, BASED ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE OF TRAVELLERS AND AUTHORIZING OFFICER.

2. COST OF LIVING AND ASSOCIATED TDY COSTS IN GULF STATES ARE CLIMBING AT A RAPID RATE. PER DIEM ALLOWANCES DO NOT ALWAYS KEEP PACE WITH INFLATIONARY HOTEL/FOOD COSTS. SMALLER, LESS EXPENSIVE HOTELS ARE USUALLY FULLY BOOKED BY TRANSIENT BUSINESSMEN, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

3. IN RECENT HISTORY, RESIDENT SEABEE KUWAIT WAS BOOKED AT ONLY AVAILABLE HOTEL IN MUSCAT WHOSE DAILY RATE EXCEEDED PER DIEM BY APPROXIMATELY 20 US DOLLARS PER DAY. (PER DIEM HAS SINCE INCREASED.) AFTER THREE DAYS, KUWAIT CB WAS CONSIDERABLY OUT OF POCKET.

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